

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the above referenced application is respectively requested.

Claims 1, 4-16, 20, 21, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 20040024809 to Edwards et al. (hereinafter "Edwards").

Claims 2 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over US Patent Application Publication NO. US 20040024809 to Edwards et al, in view of US Patent Application Publication No. 20040088452 A1 to Scott.

Claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 20040024809 to Edwards et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,493,745 to Cherian.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 20040024809 to Edwards et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,493,745 to Tsakiris.

Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 20040024809 to Edwards et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,737 to Snowden et al.

Claims 1-20, 22-23, 25 recite an invention that finds support in at least Applicant's parent application entitled Modular Computer System filed April 27, 2000, identified as U.S. patent application 09/559,678 from which this CIP derives. With specific reference to Figure 4 of this parent application, there is shown a portable computing device at 36, which may be a PDA, configured to connect and drive display 34. Discussion of the PDA 36 operably connected to display 34 is discussed in application's specification at page 15 line 20- page 16 line 15, page 20 line 9 – page 21 line 2, and page 21 line 13 – page 22 line 15. The filing date of this parent

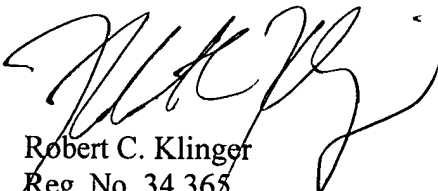
application is April 27, 2000 which predates the priority date of the Edwards prior art having a filing date of August 1, 2002. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Edwards reference is not applicable prior art for the claims of the present application, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner remove the rejection based on Edwards.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition of allowance.

A Two Month Extension of Time is enclosed along with the requisite fee for the RCE.

If there are any matters remaining the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

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